(d) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) and (b) The 'in-principle' clearance granted by the Ministry has been held in abeyance keeping in view the strong objection of Government of Goa and their request for setting up an inter-State Water Disputes Tribunal to resolve this dispute.

(c) Yes, Sir. Government of Karnataka has requested to revoke the abeyance order at the earliest.

(d) The abeyance order has not been revoked by the Central Government since the dispute has not been resolved by an agreement between the two States.

Release of additional water from Krishna

2308. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested Karnataka for release of additional water from Krishna;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the response of the Karnataka Government thereto and what was the Central Government's response to intervene and ensure due satisfaction of Andhra Government's demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh *vide* his letter dated 1st September, 2003 requested Government of Karnataka for release of 50 thousand million cubic feet of water from Almatti Dam to supplement the cultivation in delta system and to meet the drinking water requirement in Nagarjuna Sagar ayacut, Rayalaseema and Telangana areas.

(c) The Central Government requested Government of Karnataka to favourably view the request of Andhra Pradesh. The Chief Ministers of Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh also held a meeting on this subject on 20th September, 2003 at Bangalore.